

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following amended claims for the pending claims having the same numbers (a marked-up version of each claim showing the amendments thereto is attached as Exhibit A):

P1
5. (Twice Amended) The subframe of claim 1 wherein said first cross member is configured to receive a first end of a strut rod, said strut rod having a second end coupled to a frame of said motor vehicle.

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10. (Once Amended) The subframe of claim 6 wherein said first cross member is configured to receive a first end of a strut rod, said strut rod having a second end coupled to a frame of said motor vehicle.

Please add the following new claim:

P3
22. (Once Amended) The subframe of claim 1 wherein said second end of said strut rod is coupled to one of first and second C-shaped longitudinal frame rails of said frame.

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

Applicant has amended claims 5 and 10 and added new claim 22. Accordingly, claims 1-18 and 20-22 are presently pending in this application. Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following arguments.

II. CLAIM OF PRIORITY

Applicants note that the Examiner has acknowledged a claim for foreign priority on the Office Action Summary. Applicants have not made a claim of foreign priority, but